

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

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## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 8:45 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:45 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscription.

### SCHOOL ELECTION.

Don't forget the election for School Trustees, to come off on Monday next. Turn out and see to it that a good working-board of earnest Free School men are elected. This is a matter of the first importance to the future of our town.

### TO ARRIVE: A Fresh lot of the Celebrated White Crane Flour, at

McAlister's.

Bacon, Lard, Onions, Potatoes, at

McAlister's.

Car-load sack salt at

Hardy & Co.'s.

Cash paid for cotton at

Hinzie's.

New lot of cooking-stoves at

Hinzie's.

Visiting Cards, latest craze, at this office.

Casimere Suits for \$7 at Dugger's.

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Landreth's seeds for fall planting.

RAYMOND & DANIEL.

To arrive—car-load Royal Patent and

Earle Steam flour, at

M. Hinzie's.

Highest price paid for cotton-seed at

M. Hinzie's.

The price of cotton-seed is 35 cents per

100 pounds; of cotton, 8 to 8 1/2 cents.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon

and hams, at

M. Hinzie's.

Chautauqua Plaid suits, only \$10.50 at

W. C. DUGGER'S.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at the Free

Press office.

We will duplicate all outside bills on

stationery. Try us and see.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest

in the market at

MARTIN HINZIE'S.

If you need sewing-machine needles, oils

and fixtures, go to

W. C. DUGGER.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at

M. HINZIE'S.

Bill Heads, all sizes, lowest rates. A

FREE PRESS OFFICE.

The White is the best sewing machine in

the market, and sold by

W. C. DUGGER.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale

at the office, also at the book store of

Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

You can buy a White sewing machine

from W. C. Dugger on instalments of \$5.00

per month.

### For Rent.

A front up-stairs room for rent.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

For Twenty Days Only. Our entire stock

of Gent's Furnishing Goods and Gent's

Clothing at New York cost at DUGGER'S.

Scratch-books, suitable for taking notes

of Chautauqua lectures and exercises, very

cheap—good line of stationery of all sorts.

RAYMOND & DANIEL.

In order to make room for fall stock, I

will offer my entire stock of clothing at

W. C. DUGGER.

For Sale.

Lots 3 and 4, in block 4, San Marcos. Ap-

ply to

J. I. CHASTAIN.

Visiting cards, latest styles, round,

square, and envelope corners; plain gold

and mottled bevel edges for ladies and gentlemen.

Send your orders.

Small copies of the Daily St. Louis Re-

publican and Globe-Democrat, New York

Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this

office.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work,

which is essentially a cash business, must

## Dr. Baldwin's Lectures.

The three lectures of Dr. Baldwin on Psychology, comprising "Instinct," "Conscience" and "Will" probably outrank in importance any others which have been delivered before the Assembly. That on "Conscience" we had the pleasure of hearing, and in common with the large audience were impressed with its logic and moral earnestness and force. He concluded the series Friday night with a lecture on "Will."

Dr. Baldwin stands preeminent, we believe in Texas as a teacher, not merely in the technical, but in the broadest sense of the word, and is himself a noble example of what the best culture can do for humanity.

### A Joy Forever.

Several of the gentlemen who have been in attendance upon the Assembly are widely traveled, some of them have viewed the choicest wonders of Europe, and the Old World; but the unanimous verdict upon seeing San Marcos Lake has been, "It surpasses all." Texans do not know what is here. The circulars issued by the management of the Assembly have called forth many letters from the North and East, and next season there will be a great influx of strangers from these sections.

### Seguin Memorial Band.

This band was organized July 12th by Mrs. A. M. Ireland for the purpose of raising funds for the O. A. Fisher Memorial Home. The monthly dues are a nickel a month, and we also have a birth-day box. Fifty-four names are enrolled, and we hope it will increase in number, and we hope also that many other towns will follow our example. W. A. BAKER, Cor. Sec. Seguin, July 22.

We find the above in the Galveston Christian Advocate. Why cannot a similar organization be had at this place? It would seem even more appropriate at this, Mr. Fisher's old home. We hope to see a prompt movement made in this direction.

We would invite special attention to the interesting letter of Mrs. Andrews, principal of Science Hall Home Institute, in another column.

We are in receipt of the catalogues of Dripping Springs Academy and Blanco High School. Each is a neatly-printed pamphlet, and speaks very favorably of their respective institutions.

HOME CULTURE.—The chief attraction at the Assembly Tent Tuesday morning was the reading of a superbly written paper on "Home Culture." Mrs. C. M. Winkler, of Comstock, is the gifted writer. It was read in a clear, soft, beautifully modulated voice by Miss Ruby Fourqurean of San Marcos. The Assembly will cause the paper to be printed, as it is worthy of preservation.

FIELD DAY.—An attractive programme consisting of recitations, music, etc., has been prepared for Field Day at the Assembly grounds. It is expected that this (Friday the 28th) will be the great day of the season, and probably the largest audience of the season will be assembled. It will be the occasion of the permanent organization of the Literary organization to be known as the "San Marcos Students' Union," which is to provide for a home college to take a view of the great field of library and Scientific truth.

### Hays County Assessments, 1884 and 1885

Mr. Assessor Fortson has kindly favored us with the following official statement:

ASSESSMENT FOR 1884.

Real estate, \$1,734,725

Personal Property, 993,023

Total, \$2,727,750

ASSESSMENT FOR 1885.

Real estate, \$1,832,050

Personal property, 929,340

Total, \$2,761,390

The difference in excess this year over last year is only \$33,640. The heavy loss and decrease in value of sheep and the removal of cattle accounts for the decrease in personal property.

### Staples' Store.

STAPLES STORE, August 23, 1885.

ED. FREE PRESS:—We were visited with a fine little rain yesterday evening; think it will do the young cotton great deal of good. The old cotton is past making anything more.

Protracted meeting began last night at Pleasant Ridge; to-day there were a great many from San Marcos at church.

The Campbellites have been carrying on a meeting at Martindale over a week, have had quite a number of conversions.

Mr. P. F. Bost and family, of Stringtown, are visiting his wife's parents.

Mr. Frank Staples and wife have returned home from Colorado City, where he has been working with cattle for the past three years.

Mr. Miller Standefer, of Paintrock, is visiting his parents near the promising little village of Martindale.

Staples Store has improved some lately has a new barber shop, Mr. John Waller, the proprietor.

Mr. D. A. Ward and I. K. Williamson have thrashed their Johnson grass; think they will make a speck on it.

We have organized a base ball club at Staples Store; look out for Kyle.

LONG STAR.

In the Greensboro, N. C. Daily Work-

man, we find the following, all of which is quite applicable to San Marcos. The suggestion of a list of improvements during a year past for publication, we have already made, and hope our builders will feel sufficient interest in the subject to furnish us with such a list.

"We are glad to see a disposition on the part of those who have low lands for sale to put them at reasonable figures, so that any who may wish to invest here can see an open door, so to speak. A ride around town will afford one a chance to see what has been done and is doing in the way of building houses. And the houses haven't been dropped out of the sky too soon. There will be many a family to be housed here this winter. By the way, we want a complete list of all the building that have been erected here since September 1, 1884, for publication; should have it at least during next week. We would like to note any repairs or remodelings of houses, where such have been at all extensive."

If you are needing any kind of Dental work, call on Dr. Combs, and you can have it done on any terms for corn, hay, oats, wheat or cotton-seed, or any kind of stock, at highest market prices. Office: north side public square, opposite Courthouse.

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## PERSONAL.

Dr. Baldwin left for Huntsville Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alsworth, of Austin, daughter of

Maj. Garrison, is spending a few days here.

Mitt. Hall and Jim Storey, of Lockhart

were in town again Tuesday.

Billy Rylander is with us again for a few

days.

Messrs. Houchins and Pritchett last week

held successful meetings at Martindale.

Geo. Hutchins, youngest brother of Capt.

Hutchins was at the picnic.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Lundy were

in attendance on the fireman's picnic Tuesday.

Miss Laura Malone, of Dallas, a relative

of J. L. Malone, is stopping with Judge

Kone.

Mr. Bailey, the photographer took a view

at the picnic of the speakers' on the

stand and the two fire companies.

Prof. S. W. Stanfield is here and will re-

main a week, until time for his school to

reopen. He will teach again at Benton.

Missess Jessie Walker and Maggie Mooney,

of Luling will spend a week here; stopping

with Mrs. Dugger.

Miss Mattie Pistole, of Calvert, a friend

of Mrs. G. F. Kerr, is here and will spend

a week or two.

Mrs. J. W. Earnest has just returned from

North Texas, and is more than ever in love

with our own section; her head is level.

Lockhart sent over another delegation

yesterday, James Blanks, Miss Lucy Wil-

liamson, Prof. Meliff and Miss Birdie Ry-

lander.

Rev. Mr. Arnold, the new pastor of the

Baptist church, made his debut at the Chautau-

qua grounds on Sunday. He appears to be

quite young, and we learn is just from

college.

Dr. Baldwin, who is, we believe, generally

conceded to be the foremost educator

in Texas, we hear is to a large extent

self-educated. An encouraging example to

young men.

We learn that at his late visit home,

Hon. J. F. Miller was assiduously in-

terviewed by "anxious seekers" with re-

spect to the succession to the postmaster-

ship of San Marcos. Still premature, in

our opinion.

Rev. Dr. Hillyer will retain his position

as professor of medicine in the San Marcos

Home Institute. Although 80 years of age,

(not 84, as we were recently erroneously in-

formed) in mental vigor and attainments he

leads many much younger preachers and

teachers.

Miss Bettie Coleman, of Austin, came

over on Saturday to visit old friends and

attend some of our Assembly-meetings. Her

consort, Miss Nellie Evans, of Davenport,

a very agreeable young lady, has been stop-

ping at Mr. Marchionni's for some time.

Prof. Tarrant who lectured at the Hill

Monday night, left Tuesday. The Prof.

subscribed for a share in the stock

of the Assembly and carried off some

of Mr. Bailey's views. He is superintendent

of the public schools at Caldwell, Texas.

The old "negro quarter" buildings back

of Robbins have been demolished, and the

block will be converted into a cotton yard

for Johnson & Johnson. It belongs to Mrs.

Raggsdale and would make a fine site for

one or more handsome dwellings.

C. L. Sledge, of Kyle, has recently in-

vented and patented an ingenious oil break,

it works entirely from the engine, and

should it stand the practical test, to which

Mr. Sledge intends having it subjected, it

will be worth an immense fortune to the in-

ventor.—Lockhart Register.

Prof. S. H. Dixon and wife have been at-

tending our Assembly for several days, stop-

ping at Mr. Pate's. The Professor showed us

advance sheets of his new book, "The

Book and Poetry of Texas," which is now

being printed by Swindell, at Austin. It

will be sold by subscription. More anon.

Mrs. John D. Morrison, of Pleasanton, is

here for a day or two. Her husband, Col.

## A Letter From Mrs. W. A. Andrews,

Principal of Science Hall Home In-

stitute—All About Her School.

August 20, 1885.

ED. FREE PRESS:—It has been over a

year since I've taken my pen for the pur-

pose of writing to the Free Press; not that

I am indifferent to the many acts of kind-

ness, of which I have been the recipient,

from you, but from press of business; when

I am teaching it seems that I have no time

for anything but my school.

There is an impression out that my school

will not open before the first Monday in

September; please correct through your

paper. My school opens the 31st of August.

I trust I shall have as good a school the

incoming year as I had last; I am sure if

all the advantages of our school were fully

known we would be crowded to over-  
flowing.

The health of this Institute can not be

surpassed. I have taught in this commu-

nity now twelve years, and I have never lost

a pupil by death, either boarder or local,

since I have been teaching here. There is

no attraction here for physicians.

Our people are noted for their strong

temperance principles. We have not with-

in our community, that I am aware of, one

single habitual drinker of intoxicating

liquors; so you see we are as healthy mor-

ally as physically.

We have preaching, usually, every Sun-

day, and Sabbath-school.

The beauty of these rolling prairies, beg-

gars description. All attempts to give a

description of the natural beauties of this

part of Texas seem tame. Next to the

beautiful region around and adjacent to the

Springs at San Marcos River, this is the

Eden of Texas.

I have introduced into my school an Art

department and Commercial room. I have

decided after considerable thought that

every High School should have a Commer-

cial department.

We are situated on a farm, which enables

us to give more reasonable rates of board

than any other school of the same advan-

tages in Texas. Dr. J. F. Hillyer, LL. D.,

who has a state-reputation for his scholarly

ability, is my associate-principal. He has

no superior in the state as a mathematician,